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Stone Wall in front
of Town Garage

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Wendell Post Speaks

When the phone rings and the caller is one of the head honchos at a major metropolitan newspaper, I listen. Particularly when the newspaper bears the same name as my birth certificate: The Wendell Post (actually, as a matter of personal modesty, I have dropped the 'The'). It does something to your personal esteem to realize that your name has appeared on the masthead of a newspaper for seventeen years. Unfortunately, I was unaware of the first eleven years or so. About once a year for the last few years I have opened my mailbox to find that yet another of my friends has happened across your fair town, encountered the aforementioned periodical, and forwarded a copy to me.

At first I thought it was a joke. Then I realized that, just by chance, my name happened to be the very same one that graces the front page of the coolest newspaper in these parts. Oh, I admit that I had some pretty tackey thou7ghts like: "I wonder if they would make me the mayor of Wendell based on this?" and "Maybe the town would just give me a house because of this happy coincidence.". But even when the cold reality concerning such frivolousness set in, I remained pleased. After all, I must be one of the few people in the whole world who gets to experience this unlikely phenomenon. But enough silly babbling It is all due to Tom Sullivan that you, dear readers, are subject to this. He was buying a guitar amplifier for his son at the music store I co-owned in Cambridge when I overheard him say that he was from the august town of Wendell. The rest is journalistic history. When Cathy Becker (she of the Yakitori Sauce) called for my thoughts on the seventeenth anniversary of 'The Post', I realized, deep down where things really matter, that it was nothing short of my civic duty to respond in a manner suitable to the gravity of the occasion. And here 'tis: Happy Anniversary, Wendell Post!

Yours Truly,
Wendell Post

P.S. Beyond being posessed of my unlikely moniker, I have departed the Cambridge Music Centers to begin fundraiding for a non-profit organization that I am heading up called the Youthbrook Project. I believe it to be one of the most progressive project designs for 'at risk' older youth that exists. Please contact me at: 617-547-6576, or write to: Youthbrook Project, 114 Upland Rd., Cambridge, Mass., 02140, if you have any interest.

Jennison Road Bridge: Topic at Special Town Meeting

A Special Town Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 28th at 7:00 P.M.** Among the topics to be discussed is proposed repairs to the bridge on Jennison Road. The Town will be asked to transfer funds from several sources in order to install a box culvert in the place of the current bridge. This installation will permit school buses to travel from one end of Jennison Road to the other; it should reduce travel time on the buses for some children and may reduce school transportation costs.

The complete Town Warrant for Tuesday's meeting is as follows:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $6,000.00 from the Tax Title Expenses Account to partially fund repairs on the Jennison Road Bridge or take any action thereon.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $4,000.00 from the Reserve Fund Account to partially fund repairs on the Jennison Road Bridge, or take any action thereon

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $500.00 from the Town Counsel Account to repair the kitchen door at the Town Hall, or take any action thereon.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $50.00 from the Plumbing Inspector Account to increase the FY '94 Wiring Inspector Account, or take any action thereon.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $10.00 from the Highway Commission Expenses to pay a Highway Department bill of prior year, or take any action thereon.

Margo Culley

Special Town Meeting

Tuesday, June 28th at 7:00 P.M.

Come and bring your friends and neighbors to our final meeting of FY '94. If ***YOU*** *come, we promise a short meeting!*

Julian, Me + History

In 1948 I was seven.

The war was over. I didn't know what it was about. It was far away. My daddy wasn't in it, but it was scarey.

Now there was more trouble. At school we had a new drill. for fire we went outside, but for the new drill we got under our desks and put our arms over our heads. We had to look down and close our eyes. Fires you could leave, bombs you couldn't. War did not seem so far away any more.

I still didn't know what it was all about, but it had to do with Commies. They were out to get us and they could be anywhere. They were a kind of monster that looked like people, so I had to be careful. My flashlight and I would check in the closet and under my bed. Then I said my prayers.

Julian wasn't in the closet. He wasn't even a communist. But in that hysteria, it did not matter. Alistair Cooke, a well-known and widely respected English journalist, wrote that the political climate in America was "very much [like] a 17th century religious war" and that the House Unamerican Activities Committee hearing room "was a Roman circus panting for the entrance of dazed Christians."

Those hearings gave Richard Nixon, a freshman Representative, national fame for Red-hunting or infamy for witch-hunting, depending on the eye of the beholder. The same single-minded and scrappy no-holds-barred political style that raised him up, brought him down. In his struggle to be somebody, he lost himself. No one could ever say anything like that about Julian.

By the mid-1930's Sir Winston Churchill was urging the USA to ally with communist Russia and "to save our lives and their own." In 1936 H. Julian Wadleigh, a trained economist, began working in Foggy Bottom - the home our State Department. He agreed with Churchill.

During the next couple of years he shared about 400 of the documents that crossed his desk with a Russian agent - Whitaker Chambers, also an editor the *Time* magazine. Julian knew this was illegal, but it was to defeat Hitler and Hirohito.

After World War II, the Russian Red Army consolidated its power in eastern Europe and

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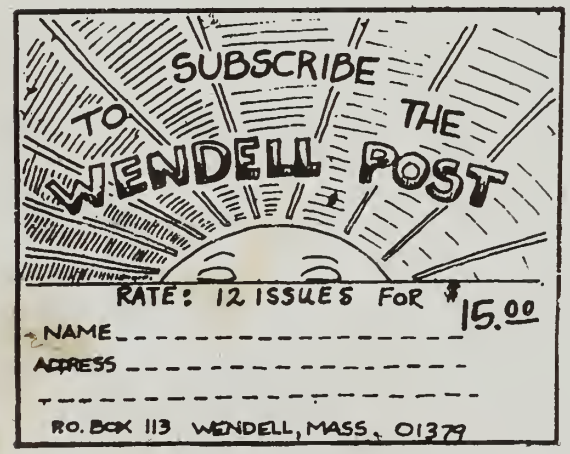

LETTERS

Police Dept. Appointment

To the Post Readers,

Last week I was asked to attend the Selectboard meeting to discuss Police Dept. matters. One of the things that was discussed was the appointment of Cain Blackbird to the department

My first reaction was an offhanded "Sure, go ahead", but after listening to Cain speak, answer questions and having the opportunity to spend a bit of time with him, I am looking forward to having him join us on the Police Dept. From where I stand he has energy to give the town, he has knowledge that will help us all in the long run and he is another one of Wendell's original.

Cain, I welcome you to the Police Force and look forward to working with you.

Officer Anne Diemand

For the Wendell Post:

I grew up ina city during the 1940s and 50s where neighbors took care of each other. As an adult, I saw people become self-absorbed in their own pursuits, and I thought that the way of this culture had inexorably changed.

I moved to Wendell 5½ years ago, and because I worked in Northampton, I was unaware of a very special feeling of community that existed here. This past winter I became ill and had to have major surgery. In the following weeks I required round-the-clock care and was not able to do even the smallest household chores. Wendell folks cared for me, kept my wood stove going, cooked, cleaned, shopped and more.

A few weeks later, I had to have surgery again. The response to my need was - "Well, we'll just do it again!" - and they did.

The people of this town have a permanent place in my heart - I'm glad that I live here.

THANK YOU

Ann Marie Meltzer

TO THE PEOPLE OF WENDELL

There is a need for a committee to study the expense of the Town of Wendell acquiring The Wendell Meetinghouse. We need volunteers to help evaluate expenses and devise a fund raiser to pay for the transfer work. Also, once the building is in the town's hands, we need people to help write grants and research which ones can be of the best use to the building and to the community. If you are interested please call Gail Krutka at 544-6362.

Where Have all our Pets Gone?

We've all heard about the mysterious disappearing Wendell pet population. Our telephone poles and public places are littered with "missing pet" notices. Scientific experiments, pet nappers, coyotes, bobcats, fisher cats and cults have all been blamed. Cars, rabies and assorted diseases are also prevalent dangers.

Perhaps there's even more going on here than we believe. Last year one of my cats crawled home with multiple injuries and severe bleeding. His agonized screams of pain prompted a vet visit. The X-rays told the story clearly. Big Boy's tail and hindquarters were shattered by a bullet.

This week it happened again. Felix crawled home with two large gaping holes in his backside. Once again the X-rays told the story. The holes were peppered with chunks of lead. The vet called it a real "messy" wound.

This problem appears to be unique to Wendell as all of the gunshot pets my vet has seen belong to me. I have invested a lot of time and money in keeping my animals healthy.1 All of my pets are neutered and spayed. My vet bills are high enough without the added expense of regular gunshot emergencies.

Before we go blaming the Wendell wildlife each time another apparent abduction occurs, we should be aware that perhaps some of these missing pets had their final — and fatal — encounter with the most dangerous animal of all: MAN. Apparently some person, or persons, are using our pets for target practice.

We have enough natural and man-made dangers lurking out there without adding pet-hunting to the list. If you must shoot at a living target, go shoot paint balls at the mall. Please leave our pets alone. It's hard enough to lose our animals to natural causes, but harder still to lose them to unnatural causes.

This letter was given to me as a member of the Wendell Post Staff and a member of the Wendell Police Department. The people were concerned about retribution if they signed their names. I thought that our policy of signing letters could be waived in this case.

Anne Diemand.

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Asia. In China, their Red Army was on the verge of complete victory. The world's biggest continent was dominated by communists. These people saw communism as the road away from the nationalist rivalries and capitalist competition that seemed to foster so many wars of workers, by workers and for the elite. They had a vision of international cooperation and individual equality.

Most countries in western Europe had strong communist organizations. They had led or dominated the Resistance to fascism. The oil fields of Mexico were nationalized after their revolution. Molotov led the Russian delegation out of talks on the economic redevelopment of Europe.

Dean Acheson, the Secretary of State, told Congress that American prosperity depended on the development of foreign markets and resources. The spread of communism was seen as a threat to the American-way-of-life in general and to private capital in particular. Sharing information with an ally in 1938 was trumpeted as treason in 1948.

Julian was never in my closet or any metaphorical closet. He never denied his deed, his Fabian socialist beliefs, his caring for his country or his concern for other peoples around the world. Cooke called him "a walking symbol of the shattered gallantry of the idealistic left, a fugitive from the ruins of the Popular Front and the classless society, an earnest fellow traveler who now had to pay for the pride he felt a dozen years ago... for being in the advance guard of the Resistance to fascism."

The statute of limitations saved him from prosecution. But he and his family (a wife and three children) surely suffered. Not only was his career ruined, he couldn't get a job anywhere. Again, in Cooke's words, Julian had "risked his life and his career for a principle."

In spite of trauma, shattered career, hardship, disillusionment, two failed marriages, dashed dreams, and the death of a son, he never stopped being Julian. If he ever became bitter or cynical or apathetic or just plain tired, there was no evidence of it during the years I knew him. He lived in the present with an eye or two on the future.

He committed civil disobedience at Seabrook. His Wendell home was designed for energy efficiency. He invested what he could in safe energy research. He wrote a major science-based paper about the future of our biosphere. He worked to end our illegal and immoral intervention in Central America and contributed to her refugees' relief.

At the age of 80, he drove to Florida to nurse his former wife after surgery. He took care of her and chauffeured her until a drunk driver ended her life and injured him severely. Julian recovered. The doctor said he had the body of a 60 year old.

You could say he lived a long and full life.

For me the man is well-measured by a private incident that was related to meas follows: "When I told Julian that Whitaker Chambers had died of a heart attack at the age of 65, he sat down and wept. When he could speak he said `Ah, poor Whitaker'. I was deeply moved by his compassion for the man who had betrayed him. It told me that Julian understood Whitaker's trauma, too."

Parker Cleveland

H. Julian Wadleigh, born in Greenfield in 1904, and a resident of Wendell for the last decade of his life, died on April 22, 1994. He had found peace and friendship in Wendell, and knew it as his home.

Julian Wadleigh collecting his mail.

For Julian

Julian, you walked into that green,
Spring world I'd made
And we smiled.
We wove our connection
Through the woods, rocky paths,
fields,
Hills of a landscape that embraced us
both.

We walked up Monadnock, Crag Mountain
And Jerusalem Hill.
You were always headed up
Across rock strewn territory,
Negotiating stoney obstacles
Which dealt their measure of
frustration and elusive love.

The grounded substances sustained
you.
As on the great uplift of rock in
Switzerland
That unexpected, exposed night under
the stars.
You lived to tell me the story,
Among many that revealed you to me
Along with your tears, later, telling
more.

Are wine, fresh oil, dark coffee,
sacraments?
Messages of grace from full moments
Under the Mediterranean, the African
sun?
We shared them over the ground of our
conversation,
Gifts, passed back and forth.

You gave me such encouragement.
For your vicarious enjoyment, you
said.
Nuthatches, moths, fragrant flowers
rallied our shared admiration.
You gave me beetles.
I gave you seeds.

Oh, your triumphs after eight
decades!
Your house nestled in clover.
For luck or leisure? The first
alternative lawn.

You kept moving steadily to the top
of one hill or another.
Later, to the top of your stairs.

Becoming a writer, and published
At eighty-five, kept you writing,
Moving mentally through stubborn
human challenges.
How can we nurture peace and justice?
How do we care for the ground of our
common existence?

Julian, your persistence, courage,
And hope
Melded with mere human values
Of community, fairness
And a desire for peace
Shone from your eyes
As sun on snow.

Karen Idoine

CULTURAL COUNCIL NEWS

Community Input Meeting / FY'95 Funding Cycle
Free Jazz Concert and Dance

The Wendell Cultural Council (WCC) is making plans to hold its second annual "community input meeting" in mid- to late August. This type of meeting is required by the Mass. Cultural Council (MCC), a state agency, to encourage local citizens to participate in the planning process for local cultural programs in the arts, humanities and/or interpretive sciences that are supported in part by the joint efforts of their Local Cultural Councils, the Mass. Cultural Council and the National Endowment for The Arts.

This is a special oppportunity for Wendell residents to meet with us to make suggestions and share ideas to help us identify local priorities for funding. Further notices about this community input meeting will be posted in late July or early August, stating just when and where it will be held. Please look for these notices, or call 544-2735 in early August for this information.

Our annual funding cycle will again take place in the fall, this time for Fiscal Year 1995. Local Cultural Council (LCC) and Performing Arts Student Series (PASS) grant applications with local/state guidelines/regulations attached to them will be available beginning in mid- to late August at the Wendell Free Library, the Wendell Post Office and Jake Graton's Art Studio in the Old Firehouse on the Wendell Town Common. Wendell residents who have had some experience in one or more of the cultural activities listed above in paragraph one are encouraged to apply. Or Wendell civic organizations may apply to present cultural programs of special interest and benefit for local audiences.

Please note that October 15, 1994 is the deadline for submitting these applications to the WCC for local and state review. We have not yet been notified by the MCC what our state allocation will be, but probably will know by mid-August. For the last two years we have received an annual state grant of $2,000 and expect to receive about the same amount from them this year. Therefore, modest budget proposals or requests for partial funding may once again have to be recommended by us.

On the evening of Wendell's 4th Annual Harvest Festival, Sunday, September 25th at 7PM, we will be presenting a Free Concert of Classic American Jazz (a truly American Art Form) and Swing Dance by the Radio Swing Orchestra at the Wendell Town Hall. This lively music is much enjoyed and appreciated on different levels by people of all ages and all are welcome to come.

Ina Phelps, WCC Chair

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DIFFERENCES ARISE OVER STONE WALL

A volunteer work project with educational and cultural overtones has hit a snag. The plan to rebuild the stone wall in front of the Town garage last May has now been postponed, possibly until October while a public hearing is held and school is back in session.

Just before the annual Town meeting, Planning Board Chairman David Wilder notified the selectboard by letter that a hearing would be required on the project, based on the Scenic Roads Act, a federal law which protects stone walls on designated scenic roads. Wendell Depot Road is such a road, a fact that had contributed to the enthusiasm for rebuilding the wall.

More recently, in the beginning of June, while meeting to schedule the hearing, the planning board was told by Town Shared Administrative Assistant Regina Curtis that a lawyer on the New Salem Planning Board had examined the statute and interpreted-reluctantly--that their board didn't have jurisdiction over stone wall work except when road construction was involved.

So if Wendell's lawyer, John Gates, agrees with the New Salem interpretation and says the Scenic Roads Act doesn't apply to this project, the planning board apparently won't have jurisdiction. Still, a hearing will probably be held, perhaps conducted by the selectboard, to deal with questions and concerns not settled at the Special Town meeting held just before the annual. There voters approved a $500 transfer of unexpended monies from the Town veteran's fund. The debate included how much work by the road crew would be involved, and the propriety of paying a leader for a volunteer project. as well as objections from veterans to using unexpended money from their fund.

The planning board says it's acting on concerns expressed by citizens. Why so belatedly? David Wilder explained in an impromptu joint meeting with the selectboard that he had learned only recently that his board administers the Scenic ROads Act, hence the delay between February, when his board was notified in a letter of the project, and May when the hearing requirement was announced.

Alan Walsh, a member of the board, told me he's afraid equipment might get mired. David Wilder says the wall doesn't really need work, except for removing some boulders dropped on top of it. Peter Rooney, also of the board, said the wall is OK except for "15 or 30 feet" and can be discerned in its original form if you look carefully. He is also worried about spotted salamanders, prompting Margo Culley, selectboard member, to say, "This is Looney Tunes. What's the real objection?" By way of answer, David Wilder said people he talked with had objected to the Town spending money for an unnecessary activity, although he said he accepts the vote at Town meeting.

If I may speak here in this otherwise factual (I hope) report, I regret the inconvenience of the delay for all involved in the project, but I think a public hearing at this point is a good idea, for the possibility it holds of defusing the issue and maybe even uniting people about what is to be done. I am open to learning how to handle the project more sensitively and cost effectively and accept all constructive input. Defer to the wisdom of the group in these cases, I've learned, but I will first stick up for the position-which is not mine alone but also of funding sources like the Wendell Cultural Council, the Bear Mountain Preservation Association and Town meeting--that the project has the possible beautiful outcome of stretching not only muscle and skills, but our understanding of each other and history.

Jonathan von Ranson

BROWNIE TROOP #21

This has beenan excellent year for the Brownies. With thirteen girls in the troop and three leaders, alot has been accomplished. The girls met on every other Wednesday after school for one and one half hours. This gave us enough time to work on one Try-It each meeting. A total of twelve Try-It's were earned by the girls as a troop and twenty-eight were earned by the girls on their own. Two Try-It's we worked on were Safety and Puppets, Dolls, and Plays. After the girls made their puppets, they did a puppet show on Safety for the school at Community Acts.

We also were able to go on four field trips. One, in the fall, to the nature trail at Hamilton Apple Orchards to work on Outdoor Fun. The Amherst Planetarium was our second trip to work on Space Explorers. This was during the winter. Also, we went to the YMCA with the Cub Scout Pack 344 to enjoy a few hours of swimming. Our last trip, in the spring, was at the girls choice. They decided to go to Hampshire Gymnastics in Amherst for one and one half hours of fun.

Our troop focused on two fund raisers this year. The first was a magazine subscription sale in the fall, and then of course the cookies. The profits from these sales has been used to buy Try-It's and awards. Field trips were made possible, and by the time this is in print, we will have gone camping at Lamb City Camp Ground in Phillipston. This will be our year-end party. Camping, cook outs, swimming, and field games will entertain us for the day. We will also have our closing ceremony where the awards and Try-It's will be given out. At this ceremony we will have seven girls "Flying up" to Junior Girl Scouts.

At this time I would like to thank all the people that supported us by buying our cookies and magazines, or that helped in any other way. Unfortunately, I will be unable to be the troop leader next year. This leaves the troop without a leader. Brownie Troop # 21 has been the only Girl scout troop in the New Salem /Wendell area. With seven girls moving to the Junior Girl Scouts and six girls staying in the Brownies, two leaders will be needed. If you are eighteen years old or older, and are interested in being a leader please call me.

A special thank you goes out to Lori and Pat, the assistant leaders. Also to Mallory, Audrey, Cara, Megan, Ashley, Aubry, Katie, Merryl, Zoe, Jessica, Lily, Jennifer, and last but never least, Tavi. All of you have made this year special.

Cindy Chadbourne
544-7572

LIBRARY NEWS

This is the Library's annual plea to get all your overdue library books, videos and audiotapes returned. Time to check under the couch, behind the bed, under the car seat; check your shelves and unearth those Wendell Library items! As always, no penance assigned, no guilt-inducing statements made, no fines charged when you get those wayward items back in.

Library News (continued)

11,000, ALL our lending materials are important and need to be available to circulate again just as soon as someone is done with them.

So please consider this an official request to all to work on improving borrowing habits. We behind the desk will do our part to improve the check-out system and eliminate our errors.

Meanwhile, thanks to Kaymarion Raymond, our newest volunteer behind the desk and sometimes substitute librarian, we are now adding a larger amount of adult fiction to our collectionon a regular basis. K.M. also works one day a week at the Lily Library in Florence. They let her take their duplicate copy discards of current fiction (for the couple of years) as a donation to our Library. Also, now look for the rack of "freebie" paperback fiction. It's a lot of romance - stuff we've decided not to catalog and keep, but know some readers may enjoy.

Cataloguing and Renovations are still in progress. Look for a notice for a mid-summer open-house to introduce everyone to the wonderful changes downstairs!

Just about 11,000 items checked out of the Library this fiscal year. Of course, we are very happy about this. But it is a lot more to keep track of than in the past. So what it means is that the Wendell Library's (and Citizens') longstanding rather relaxed attitude about due dates will need to change with the times.

Sending out overdue notices has turned into a big job. It uses valuable resources in the way of librarians' time and Library budget that could be going into assisting patrons or purchasing new lending materials.

The trustees of the Library could choose to instate fines. Personally, I'd like to see us remain a FREE Library, with everyone pulling their own weight to get items back on time. Two weeks is a short loaning period. It sure can go by quickly, can't it? But many books can be renewed by a simple phone call to the Library; 544-3559. This gives the librarians an opportunity to say whether or not someone else is waiting for the item. Popular books will often have two or three people waiting for them. And with a loaning collection of only 6,000 items and a circulation of

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K is for Killer, S. Grafton
Longings of Women, M. Piercy
Celestine Prophecy, Redfield
Enders Game, S. Ornow Card
Speaker for the Dead, S. Ornow Card

Adult Non-Fiction:
Duke Ellington Reader, Tucker
Awakening Spirits, Tom Brown
Mankiller; A Chief and Her People, W. Mankiller
Symptoms; Their Causes and Cures, Rodale Press

Juvenile Non-Fiction:
The Ultimate Dinosaur Book, D. Lambert

Juvenile Fiction:
The Goosebumps series, R.L. Stine

Rosie Heidkamp
Librarian

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Sunday May 30th, 1994, was a beautiful summer day on which to gather and observe Memorial Day in Wendell Center.

Many citizens turned out to share the observance, augmented as always by participants from surrounding towns. Marching in the parade were representatives from: the Greenfield chapter of the Army National Guard, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5124 of Orange, the American Legion Post #172 of Orange, and Mahar Junior High School Marching Band. Local officials, veterans and otherindividuals, as well as our police and fire departments, hosted the events, which began with a march down the main street to the library.

Wreaths were placed at the Memorial Rosters and the flag raised, and an invocation was offered by Rev. Thomas Perks, Salvation Army Chaplain. This was followed by a 9-gun salute, and a haunting rendition of taps.

The assembly continued on to the cemetary, where flags were placed, stories shared, and thoughtful readings were offered by young people. After a closing benediction, all were invited to attend a memorial to Raymond Avery and reception at the Senior Center.

We as a town are fortunate that so many are willing every year to provide this rich opportunity to join as a community in grief and gratitude, as we recall those who gave so much, that our generations might live free.

Nae Oma

Recorder/Peter MacDonald

Wendell marks Memorial Day

Above, musicians from the Mahar Middle School Band perform at Memorial Day ceremonies in Wendell Sunday, while, below, flags are carried by marchers in the town's parade.

Guard Cpl. David Dobias places a wreath at Wendell Memorial Day service Sunday

Recorder/Peter MacDonald

Wendell marks Memorial Day
1994

Remember their sacrifice

(This article is from a story offered by Annie Hartjens at the Memorial Day Ceremonies.)

Many years ago, in the south of the Netherlands, World War II was raging through cities and villages much as it did across the European Continent. Communities, families and individuals united to do what each could toward restoring peace and safety to their homeland.

Among the many sacrifices made were those who risked their homes and lives to shelter the persecuted and assist the Allied troops in their Nazi-oocupied homeland.

One such member of the Dutch underground sheltered many such victims of political persecution, working in utmost secrecy to protect the lives of his family and his contacts. But Information in wartime is always diligently pursued, and there came a day when the Nazis burst through his door. They discovered that he was hiding a Jew and an American pilot. Terror spread through the cottage to his wife, and to his infant daughter, who lay bundled on the table, crying, crying to be held.

A moment passed, a pause, the sound of a baby sobbing filling their ears and hearts.

The Nazi officer turned to his aid and said,"My wife at home is due to have our baby any day now. This baby needs her father too. Let's go." And they left, the common need for home and for love having erased all boundaries.

The Nazi officer visited after that, his loyalties turned by the very people he was bound to oppress. He assisted the underground network, providing information and escape to many who fought for the freedom he himself longed for. He came to know this family who had touched his humanity; and as the baby grew into a little girl, the shades of war shifted to the north, leaving their region scarred but no longer posessed by madness. But the Nazi officer was discovered to be a traitor and was executed, leaving his own child fatherless.

This Dutch family contacted the officer's wife in Germany, and have since visited his family several times. The American pilot stayed in touch with his benefactors with gifts and visits, and the Jewish man is a family friend to this day.

And the little baby girl - she grew up to have a family of her own. And gladly for the town of Wendell, Clerk and Postmistress Annie Hartjens has been a long-valued and loved member of our community. To this day, her lively spirit touches many around her, and her caring presence is a gift to us all.

Nae Oma

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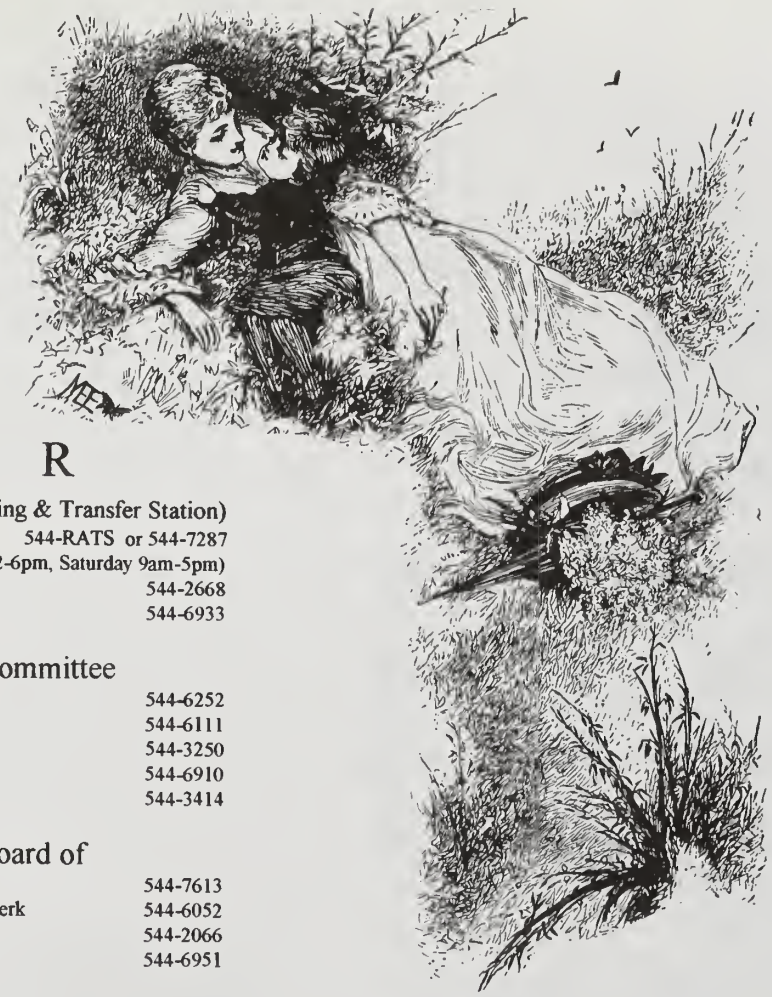

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STAR-GAZERS Lorraine Chaisson, Patrick White, Tony Thomas, and Simon White were among the many who watched the eclipse.

SOLAR ECLIPSE

At 1:37 p.m. May 10th, small groups gathered all over Wendell to observe the Solar Eclipse. It was a day for solar learning as parents and children joined to safely view the phenomenon of the moon's shadow covering the sun.

Everyone was impressed. "I think its awesome." "Cool!" "I like Space and Science."... were some of the comments overheard. Many noticed the crescent-shaped shadows on the ground beneath a tree at the Wendell Country Store. "We were just walking around and discovered it." The next chance to experience such an eclipse will come in 30 years.

Charlie O'Dowd

Boy Scouts

Troop 344 from Wendell and New Salem combines activities with troop 7 from Erving because both are small. Although weekly attendance drops in summer because of family trips, the Boy Scouts continue their activities. Year round the goal is one camp out a month.

The February campout at a pond in Warwick was blessed by the warmest days (until then) of the year. Ice fishing, and snowball fights in shirtsleeves went on during the day, and towards dark they ate beans cooked from scratch in a dutch oven. (Although the top 1/2 was charcoal the rest was delicious.

The April campout was at Mormon Hollow brook and the fishing was excellent.

In May there was a district wide camporee at Ruggles pond; Troop 7 and 344 won first place in the compass course, and in the scoutmaster's bake off with a winning entry of spice cake with camp made whipped cream and cherry topping. One cake went to the judges and one stayed with the scouts. Overall they won second place in the camping competition.

June 24 and 25 they are camping at Paradise pond in Wendell with canoes and fishing rods.

Summer camp is the last week of July at Camp Chesterfield

by Josh Heinemann

Memorial

On Sunday June 26, Dave Walsh's ashes will be planted beneath a sugar maple near his home. His older children will be gathered, Peter, from Damariscotta Maine, Lorien from Brombachtal Germany, and Sam, from Connecticut, as well as his younger children, Liam and Brendan, other family and friends for a potluck gathering.

Lorien, a cabinet maker built him a beautiful box of walnut and maple for his final rest.

by Josh Heinemann

Pond Update

In July of 1991, the pond most often called Twin Ponds, named through time by it's owners as Potters, Pond, Gridley's, and now Gentl's, was visited by vandals who poured roughly 10 gallons of used and new motor oil on the dam where people sit while watching their children, or between times in the water. Dave Walsh, chair of the Board of Health called in Bob Bishop from Quabbin because the pond feeds the middle branch of the Swift River, and then Quabbin reservoir. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was called, and they suggested calling in a remediation company.

Southampton Sanitary Engineering (SSE) installed floating booms to keep oil that was seeping out of the dam from spreading over the entire pond, although the prevailing wind blows everything towards the dam and outlet; they put floating adsorbent pads near the dam to soak up oil that did seep from the dam, and put more booms and pads downstream on the outlet to keep floating oil from entering the Swift River. The dam was covered with plastic sheeting to keep rain from flushing more oil into the water.

The SSE worker said that actively cleaning the dam with detergents or steam would do more harm than good, dispersing oil into the water and allowing it to flow under the surface, and therefore under the booms and into Quabbin. Eventually, sun air and bacteria would clean the dam.

Wendell signed a contract to pay rental on the booms and pads until we reached the purchase price of about $2,000, but there was a dispute about whether Wendell owed the money, as the organization authorizing the work, or Ray Gentl, as landowner. According to State Law, the landowner is responsible for pollution cleanup. Because of the dispute, payment was delayed.

SSE became vindictive and continued the daily rental charge, also refusing to pick up the equipment long after the dam stopped seeping., eventually raising the bill to $10,000. Wendell finally paid the $2,000 originally agreed on but SSE continued to send dunning letters until we had our town counsel send the a court order to cease and desist.

For the rest of 1991 the swimming area of the pond was unusable; in 1992 the dam was still nasty and people swam, but did not sit on the dam. This year both sand and cement on the dam look good, except for one small area where the oil was puddled and there is a thin layer of black dirt with an oily touch on top of the cement.

The large poison ivy vine that hung over swimmers was cut but other smaller ones are flourishing next to the dam.

by Josh Heinemann

Wendell Well Fund

In the last issue of the Post I wrote about having the well tested because of a strange taste to the water. We got the results back and the water is high in sodium and two other sodium compounds. We are looking at our options to correct the situation and to no one's surprise, they all cost money, so Ted and I are back at it.

We are in process of the 10 week drawing raffle, which starting May 24th. The next fund raiser will be a chinese auction at Wendell Old Home Day. If anyone has something to donate that can be added to the prizes, please call me. We are also looking for anyone who has any ideas on fund raising for the well.

It seems almost like a cruel joke that after working for almost a year and half to raise the money for the actual well and fixin's to get it to the Town Hall that the water ended up high in sodium, so what can we do except go for it and raise more money from our loyal friends and townsfolk. Thanks to all of you who put up with us asking. Here's to fresh water at the Town Hall soon!!

Sincerely yours,

Annie Diemand

Gridley's Pond (Twin Ponds)
Photo by Gloria Kegeles

Selectmen Receive Past Oil Spill Bill

A bill for $10,732.77 for services rendered for the clean-up of a suspicious oil spill on Gridley's Pond over two years ago was forwarded to selectmen by the board of health. The bill was sent by Southampton Sanitary engineering Corp. of Southampton, Mass.

The bill listed two invoices dated 1991, totalling $7,134.50, and interest charges from overdue payments of $3,598.27. Selectman Anne Zak said that the property owner, Raymond Gentl, was out of the state and the towm had to act immediately to clean up the spill. Consequently, the town was listed on the bill as having initiated the cleanup. The owner apparently never paid his portion of the bill, said selectmen, and Southampton sanitary Engineering is seeking payment from the town.

The spill involved an apparent act of vandalism, in which 15 gallons of waste oil were dumped into the pond, which also drains into the Swift River, a main feeder for the Quabbin Reservoir. The perpetrators were never caught.

Selectmen have forwarded the letter to town counsel.

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WENDELL STATE FOREST NEWS

Notes from the Wendell State Forest: Telephone number (413)659-3797. This is not a toll call from the 544 exchange.

NEW FEES: You thought is could never happen! Day parking pass is $2.00, Season pass $15.00, and Pavilion rental is $10.00. You won't find reductions like this at any shopping mall so come on down to the state park and picnic with your family. There's no excuse now!!

DEDHAM RECYCLES...to WENDELL: Or so it seems. About a dozen large letters read DEDHAM RECYCLES and the bags contained grass clippings. We distributed those contents into our woods, rolled up the bags and will ourselves, recycle them. We haven't had any large or nasty illegal dumps to contend with this Spring. Grass clippings are somewhat a relief.

RE-ROUTING on the M&M TRAIL: Under seven miles of the METACOMET MONADNOCK long distance hiking trail from the North Leverett to Ruggles Pond will be shifted east to take advantage of good views along Diamond Match Ridge and easy access along Hemmiway Road and the south side of Ruggles Pond. This will lift the trail access have completed one Saturday over nighter. They clipped, brushed, blazed, and installed a foot bridge by the Hemmiway Fire Pond. One group conducted an accessibility survey of the trail around Ruggles Pond. Two more volunteer weekends are scheduled; July 9-10 and sometime in August. Bivoual is the pavilion area. Anyone interested in using trail skills, enjoying good food and company, may come. Please call for the August date.

PAVILION/BALLFIELD: As mentioned, the rental of $10.00 plus $2.00 per vehicle (season pass vehicles free) gives exclusive use of the area which includes the ball field, horseshoe court and volleyball net. Reserve it by calling the park. It accommodates small groups on up to large outings. Bring your family and friends.

NORTHEAST CHEVY/GMC TRUCK CLUB: Its annual meeting at the W.S.F. is back. You don't have to have an old Chevy truck to be here. Come with your season pass or the $2.00 fee. The event will be Thursday thru Sunday, August 4 thru 7 with most events on the weekend. It's a good time for all and children are welcomed and included in events. My own favorite is the slow race I love that one. Hope to see everyone. The state park is your state park. Thanks and a tip of the hat.

Hal Stowell
Wendell State Forest (413)659-3797

Wendell Weather - 1994

	MAR	APR	MAY
Avg H Temp.	42	58	67
Avg L Temp.	23	34	41
Mean Temp.	32.4	46.5	54.1
Avg Mean(89-93)	34.0	45.5	57.8
Highest T	62	83	85
Lowest T	1	24	31
Rain(")	1.65	3.8	4.05
Snow(")	23.5	0	0

May was cool and showery with precipitation falling on 13 days. I recorded 2 low temperatures below freezing(31°) with the last frost on the 14th. The 31° reading is the 2nd lowest I've had in May (30° on 5/8/89).

Bill Lafley

The Beach
RUGGLES POND/Spring 1994
Photo by Hal Stowell

RUGGLES POND/Winter 1994

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July 16th, 8pm beginners at 7:30
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ROAD SAFETY GRANT

Wendell Receives Road Safety Grant for Work Zone Protection Kits

The Town of Wendell was awarded a $1,000 grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau to purchase a Work Zone Protection Kit for Wendell's 3 person Highway Department. The Kit will include Safety Vests, Traffic Cones, Hard Hats, Flags, Paddles, Flashers and Batteries, which will greatly improve the road safety conditions during road construction and repair projects.

"Approximately 2/3s of all fatal motor vehicle crashes occur on secondary and local roadways in Massachusetts," said Governor William F. Weld. "The Weld-Celucci Administration is working to increase public safety in the Commonwealth by assisting communities to acquire the latest road safety equipment through this grant program."

Massachusetts and two other New England states share the distinction of having the lowest rate of highway fatalities in the nation in 1992 on the basis of population and vehicle miles traveled. "The safety improvements to our roadways resulting from this grant program will save lives throughout the Commonwealth," said Nancy J. Luther, Director of the Bureau.

Wendell Highway Superintendent Daniel Bacigalupo submitted an application to the Bureau that detailed the problem posed by a lack of adequate work zone protection equipment for the road crew. The town's application was one of 38 selected from a field of over 100 applications. The Bureau awarded in total about $140,000 in grants.

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ENCHANTED FOREST NEWS

Registration for the Enchanted Forest's Summer Program has already begun! Flyers have been handed out to classes and we are already receiving students' schedules. Weeks will run July 5 - August 18, Tuesday - Thursday. There will be three age groups: Chickadee (ages 4 -6), Blue Jays (7 -8), and Owls (9 - 11). We'll have art projects designed according to appropriate age levels. For example, during Nature Week, Chickadees will be going on farm visits and we will be discussing animals and their shelters, along with nature sculptures, making instruments from nature and nature rubbings. Blue Jays will also be going on farm visits, making wind socks, dream catchers and simple beading. Owls will be visiting farms, doing more intricate beading on leather medicine bags, beaded mandalas and an environmental sculpture. All age groups will be participating in a performance involving nature and its gifts to us.

The following is a brief outline of our schedule. Keep in mind that activities will vary according to age levels.

Week 1 (July 5,6,7)

Paper & Printing

T-shirts, Bookmaking, Story Basket, Papermache
Paper making

Week 2 (July 12,13,14)

Weaving & Basketry

Making baskets from nature
Weaving belts, Macrame,
Frame weaving, Card weaving

Week 3 (July 19,20,21)

Clay of all Kinds!

Playdoh, Baker's clay,
Fimo, Air-dry clay,
Stoneware, masks, pots,
Personal projects

Week 4 (July 26,27,28)

Nature All Around Us

Farm visits, animal visits
Windsocks, nature art,
Beading, Environmental sculpture, Camping skills,
Pond visit, Instruments from nature

Week 5 (Aug. 2,3,4)

3-D Sculpture, Mobiles & Jewelry

Papermache animals, Mobiles,
Beaded jewelry, Fimo jewelry, Sculpture

Week 6: (Aug. 9,10,11)

Colors, Murals & More

Marbelizing, Spray
Stenciling, Painting with Acrylic & Water color,
Self portraits

Week 7 (Aug. 16, 17, 18)

Puppetry & Theatre

Making percussion instruments, Mural backdrop,
Performance piece,
Making sock & hand-held puppets
Theatre games

Recently we conducted Junior Counselor and Junior Counselor in Training interviews. We are pleased with these young individuals and are looking forward to working with them.

Please contact us if you have questions about this summer. The weeks are beginning to fill up, so those parents who have called and shown interest, please drop off your applications A.S.A.P. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Gail, Ruth & Rosie

Children's Art Classes

Ruth O'Mara, Co-Director of the Enchanted Forest After-School Art Program, is offering private drawing and painting lessons this summer. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Painting & Drawing and has had previous experience teaching private lessons locally and in the Washington area. Lessons are $10.00 per hour per child. However, if two children in one family want a "family lesson", this can be negotiated. Ruth can teach beginning to advanced lessons and encourages individuality and personal growth. Lessons are taught at your home. Mondays & Fridays are the most available days; Tuesday - Thursday, after 4:00 P.M. are also free. Call soon to arrange a schedule with Ruth at 544-0976 (M - F, 11 - 5 PM) or 544-2428.

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to
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John E. and Thelma L. Beatman
to
Cassandra Roxanne Beatman Nawrocki, 13+ acres on Bear Mtn. Rd. - $5000.00, Dec. 23, 1993.

FIRE LOG

4/7/94 - Brush pileburning - Farley Rd.
4/22/94 - Medical emergency - Wicket Pond Rd.
4/24/94 - Small brush fire - Lockes Vil. Rd.
5/9/94 - Small brush fire - Lockes Vil. Rd.
5/13/94 - Burning branch on wires - Wendell Depot Rd.
6/12/94 - Fire alarm sounding - Jennison Rd.

The Wendell Firefighters Association would like to sincerely thank those people, both local and visitors, for their generous donations at our recent 3rd Annual "Roadblock" at Wendell Center. We realized in excess of $600.00, which will help us immensely in purchasing and updating our fire equipment, etc.

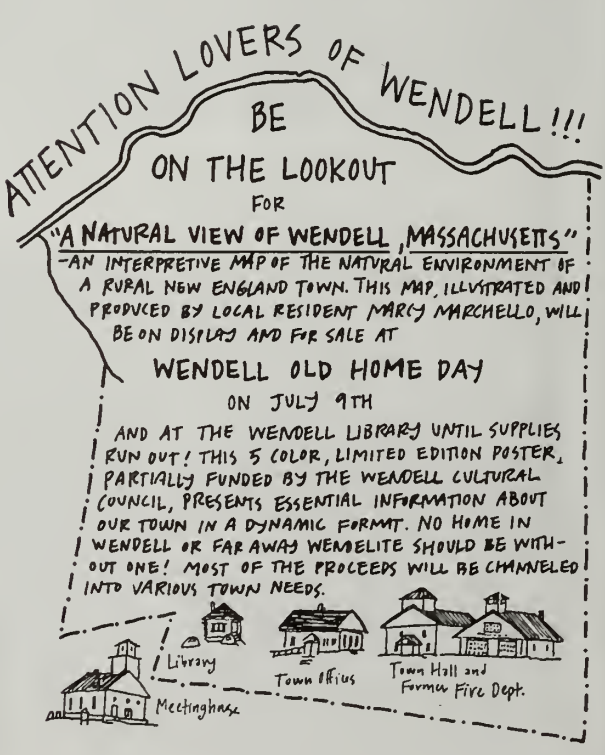
We would also like to extend our thanks to the Wendell Country Store, for their wonderful contributions.

Thanks again, on behalf of myself and the Wendell Firefighters Association.

Chief Ricketts

WENDELL POLICE LOG

5/4/94 WRATS broken into. Tools stolen, fire ext. fired off. Door broken down.
5/10/94 New England Power Co. Substation vandalized. Chevy Cavalier broken windshield and headlights.
5/17/94 New England Power Co. Substation broken into. 500 lb roll of wire stolen.
5/21/94 Mason Phelps mailbox and cable vandalized.
5/22/94 Windows in old town garage broken.
5/23/94 Lost wallet found and returned to owner.
5/26/94 Mark Ober hit and run by an unknown person driving a blue Honda Civic.
5/30/94 Car vandalized at Ruggles Pond.
%/31/94 New England Power Substation window broken and fence pulled up.
6/3/94 Report of cats being shot on Stone Rd.
6/4/94 Report of unwanted person on property on Davis Rd.
6/7/94 Report of stolen Kawasaki KD175 stolen from land on Bullard Pasture Rd.
6/14/94 Call about a youth in home stealing from household members.
6/17/94 Domestic disturbance on Lockes Village Rd.
6/19/94 One car accident on Mormon Hollow.
6/19/94 Alarm sounding on Montague Rd.



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COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

THANK YOU FROM THE SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL

I'd like to thank this community for recognizing the importance of our children. Between our two small towns of Wendell and New Salem, there have been at least 160 volunteers who have helped the school this year!

It has been said that "the strength of a people can be measured by how much the children are valued." The lives of our children are in our hands now, but our lives will soon be in theirs. (In fact the future of our community, our continent, and the world will be in their hands in the near future.) Children are our most precious resource. There is no better way to get in touch with them than through our school. We are lucky that the administration and the teachers at the Swift River School are so open and inviting to volunteers. It may be more work in some ways for teachers to contend with volunteers, but at The Swift River School they recognize the long term benefits of parental and community involvement. It is a proven fact that children do better academically when the adults in their lives get involved with their school. When that happens, kids feel all facets of their lives connect. When their community and their families are also involved with their lives at school, learning becomes a way of life, it's all around them, and they feel valued as a person, a student, and a citizen.

As a student at Swift River, learning comes from everywhere. You learn Quabbin history when you hear what it was like from an elderly neighbor who was there when it was flooded. Writing stories is fun when someone's very cool older brother gives you interesting ideas on what your first sentence might say. Fire safety makes sense when someone from your town fire dept. comes to answer your questions... When the local postmaster takes the time to show you exactly how the magic of mail really works... When someone's father helps you identify a pebble in your pocket... When that guy in a rock and roll band shows you that computers aren't so hard to understand... When a pianist from down the street can fill the cafeteria with grand embellishments which make your simple song turn into a Broadway Hit... And someone's grandmother rewords a math problem so you can understand it... Those are times when you feel that learning is what makes life worth living well.

How can we expect our young people to turn into responsible citizens if their schools insulate them from their communities, and people who don't have children ignore them? It is good that our School is open to volunteers because kids who are interested in things don't have time to get in trouble. Kids who feel valued by their community, value their community. Kids who feel accepted and respected, accept and respect right back. In other words, we get back what we give to our children.

Of course parents and teachers deserve the ultimate praise for their major roles as educators, but this community's exceptional amount of participation in our children's education is a necessary added bonus and shows that a rich education takes more than money. The parents and community members who have volunteered at our School have proven that.

As the Volunteer Coordinator for the Swift River School, I'd like to extend sincere and heartfelt thanks to all volunteers from the teachers, the administration, and the students at Swift River. Thank you for making this year such a rich and satisfying one. I trust you found the experience gratifying and satisfying as well. Your contribution, whether it was big or small, helped our children toward living happier and more fruitful lives. We all will benefit by that.

Sincerely, Molly Kaynor

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

The end of the year flurry of events is upon us. The following is a brief summary of some events the PTCA has recently been involved with.

At the Swift River School the Common Cents jars are filling up with spare change. The money will be divided up among the classrooms to be used however each class sees fit.

The Swift River School's new and handsome, purple and white Tee shirts and sweat shirts can be seen all over town.

There was a Summer Activities Fair at the school where we could get ideas and brochures to help us plan a fun filled summer for our kids.

There was a buy one - get one free book fair at the school which was a good way to get summer reading material for kids.

Volunteer appreciation night was a pleasant evening when anyone who volunteered could come to the school to make their own ice cream sundaes and socialize with each other.

Field day was held on a terrifically glorious day filled with sunshine, many hardworking volunteers, and about 200 enthusiastic kids who were happy and exhausted by the end of the day.

The results of the School Council's survey was publicly discussed at the school on Tuesday 6/14. It is impressive that 64 of those lengthy surveys have been returned to the Council so far!

Our sixth graders will graduate on June 21st this year which is also the last day of school before summer vacation for all of the students at the Swift River School.

Look for us at the Wendell and New Salem Old Home Days this summer.

A happy and healthy summer to all!

Your PTCA reporter,

Molly Kaynor

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Wendell Litter Pick-up

Wendell litter pick-up morning happened in early May. It was a beautiful spring morning spent with friends walking the roads of town. The roads we picked up were Mormon Hollow Rd. and Stone Rd. We were not finding as much trash as usual which was a very pleasant surprise, we decided to go to the high tension wires on Stone Rd. because one of our crew walks there and had noticed some things.

Well, our surprise at not finding much was turned right around at the high tension wires. We found and cleaned up several dumps there. Some of the things were amazing to us to find - we found a lot of almost decomposed plastic grain sacks filled with leaves and tied. It just doesn't make sense to me to go through all that trouble and then just put it somewhere out in nature. We also found a lot of tires. We realize that getting rid of our trash can be a drag, let's all just remember that throwing out the window or out in the woods is not a very good solution for anyone.

I want to thank the people who showed up to pick up litter with me and also the fine townspeople who baked things, donated juice, soda and trash bags. This event happens every year because of your support.

Anne Diemand

POSTING PLACE

OLD HOME DAY

Sat., July 9, 1994 On the Common
10:00 am - 7:00 pm·

Traditions and a strong sense of community are important aspects of life in a small town. Old Home Day is a special time for neighbors and friends to gather on the Common. This celebration provides something for everyone to enjoy. Wendell is home to many talented folks, musicians, artists and craftspeople to name only a few, and Old Home Day is a time to share our local talent. The day will be filled with music, games, children's events, food, arts and crafts, booths and more. Highlights include a children's parade, storytelling, a contra dance, petting zoo, pony cart rides, Smokey the Bear, sailboat-building for kids as well as lots and lots of great live music. Below is an approximate schedule of events.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 am	Children's Parade
10:30	Storytelling - Sally Alley Muffin Stuffin
11:30	Contra Dance-Hill Town Fling
12:30	Creedew & the Gargoyles
2:00	Gangly Hearts
2:55	Justina & Joyce
3:50	Walin Dave & the Blue Dogs
4:40	Lynne Hardy & the New Nohemians
5:00	Diemand's Chicken Barbecue
5:35	John Sheldon & the Blue Streak Band
6:30	Outerspace Band

Also featured will be Drummers and Dancers, and many other special guests and local musicians. If anyone has old photos to share, bring them to the Town Hall for display. If you are interested in selling food (it's a great opportunity for fund-raising) or want to do an activity for kids (just for a short period of time) please call Anne Diemand.

Questions, suggestions or want to help? Please call Anne Diemand (544-6111), Kim Noyes (544-2913) or Karen Copeland (544-7352). Mark your calendars and join us on the common for Old Home Day. A day to eat, play, laugh, sing, dance and talk.

Kim Noyes

Wendell's Aikido Club News

On Monday evenings from 6–7:30 and Wednesdays from 6–7 p.m. you'll be seeing the Wendell Aikido Club practicing out on the common. After a winter of being inside at Swift River School, it is always a treat to workout in the fresh air.

As always the club is open to anyone who would like to join. Our members are from Wendell and the surrounding area. The club has been in exsistence since 1989 and we now have advanced members. There are two blackbelts, myself and Charles Gillman from Shutesbury, who teaches the class on Wednesday.

My instruction is tradtional in style and formality, meaning that we do wear uniforms, I make promotions and teach both the technical aspects of this martial art and the spiritual beliefs. We also have a lot of fun and I am honored to workout with such devoted and caring students.

If you have been interested in Aikido or the martial arts in general please feel free to stop by on a Monday night or give me a ring.

Women's Aikido Class

This summer I will be starting a women's only Aikido class in July from 4:30–5:30 on Mondays. Anyone interested should call Ria @544–2226.

Cajun Dance Class

There are plans being made to have a Cajun dance class series held at the Wendell Town hall. Tentative plans are for tuesday evenings starting July 5. Classes will run from 7-9 pm and go for 4 weeks. Anyone interested, please call Faith Diemand at 544-2270.

PAINTINGS & SCULPTURES

by Wendell Artist

DONNA HORN

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Exhibit thru end of July.

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Can You Help?

A number of elder citizens in Wendell need occasional transportation for medical appointments, shopping, etc. Currently a woman in her eighties with disabilities and no family in the area needs to be taken to physical therapy sessions in Turners. If we could organize a group of willing drivers, each of us would drive no more than once or twice a month. You would be re-imbursed for gas if you wish.

Call Margo Culley or Kathy Swaim at 544-2020 if you can give a few hours a month to ***ELDER-RIDE.***

NORTHFIELD MOUNTAIN RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER -- SUMMER EVENTS

For more details and information call: (413) 659-3714

Beginning June 22: Running Wednesday through Sunday, free bus tours to the reservoir for all ages; free bus tours to the pumped-storage hydro station for those 10 & older.

Small museum, exhibit area, hiking trails, self-guided nature trail, and picnic areas open daily, free of charge.

Sarah Pirtle in Concert; Saturday, July 30 at 6:30pm. The program will happen outdoors unless there is rain. Limiting seating if the program happens indoors, first-come, first-serve. No charge for the program. With songs from her new album, "Magical Earth" and rhythm instruments from around the world, Sarah's performance will be a delight for all ages.

Riverboat rides on the Connecticut River aboard the Quinnetukut II. These are 1½ hour cruises with departures at varying times, Wednesday through Sunday (call for a complete schedule). $7/adult; $6/seniors; $3/children

Special Cruises in July and August

Rambling Riverboat Rides -- Thursday mornings at 11am are one hour cruises for children (reservations and pre-payment required). $2/ticket

Family Fun Cruises -- one hour cruises, Saturday mornings at 11am with special guests to entertain families with young children (reservations and pre-payment required). $4/ticket

Sat., July 2; Mary Jo Maichack, minstrel
Sat., July 9; Burchie Green, singer
Sat., July 16; Robert King, storyteller
Sat., July 23; Pozey the Clown
Sat., July 30; Burchie Green, singer
Sat., August 6; Mary Jo Maichack, minstrel (1:15pm)
Sat., August 13; Robert King, storyteller
Sat., August 20; Pozey the Clown

Sunset Music Cruises -- leaving out of Barton Cove, Saturday evenings in July and August. With live entertainment and light refreshments served (reservations and prepayment required). $12/ticket

Sat., July 2; Celebration Dixie Trio (dixie jazz)
Sat., July 9; Amy Gallatin & Still Waters (country/folk)
Sat., July 16; Rosewood Duo (light classical)
Sat., July 23; Celebration Dixie Trio (dixie jazz)
Sat., July 30; Julia Burrough Trio (folk)
Sat., August 13; Sweet, Hot & Sassy (swing, boogie)
Sat., August 20; Debbie Weyl & Bob Green (country)
Sat., August 27; Lyn Hardy & New Nohemians (country/folk)

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